(c) Telemedicine networks are proposed to be set up to extend the reach of health care services.

Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles to Singapore

3087. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO proposes to send polar satellite launch vehicles to Singapore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much amount would be paid by Singapore; and

(d) the number of foreign satellites carried by the Indian rockets, so far, and the income made therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Antrix Corporation Limited, the commercial arm of the Department of Space has entered into an agreement with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore for launching a micro satellite developed by the University on Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR, Sriharikota.

(b) The satellite is a 100 kg class micro satellite called X-sat being developed by Nanyang Technological University, Singapore for which Antrix would provide the launch services and also facilities for testing. The Satellite is proposed to be launched on the PSLV launcher during 2005-06.

(c) The agreement provides for testing as well as launching of the satellite and the cost is similar to that being offered by other international service providers.

(d) So far micro satellites were launched using Indian PSLV. The income from the launch of four micro satellites is about Rs. 12 Crores.